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BRANCHED POLYMERS

Group Art Unit

1713

Examiner

Ms. Tatyana Zalukaeva

Docket No.

01-2532B

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of February 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 6 and 8.

Please amend claim 1 as follows.

(Twice amended) A continuous process which comprises:

forming a monomer stream that contains an acrylic monomer, a polyether macromonomer selected from the group consisting of poly(propylene glycol) acrylate, poly(propylene glycol) methacrylate, poly(ethylene glycol) acrylate, poly(ethylene glycol) methacrylate, acrylates and methacrylates of an oxyethylene and oxypropylene block and random copolymer, and mixtures thereof, and a chain transfer agent; and an

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Re: Application Serial No Filed MAY 2 2 2002

For

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Enclosed are the following documents related to the above-identified application:

- (X) Return Receipt of Postcard
- (X) Certificate of Mailing Indicated Below
- () Preliminary Amendment
- () Assignment for Recordal
- () Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1)
- () Associate Power of Attorney
- () Response to Restriction Requirement
- () One Month Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136 (fee noted below)
- () Reply Under 37 CFR 1.121
- (X) Amendment

- () Request for Reconsideration
- () Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131
- () Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132
- () Terminal Disclaimer 37 CFR 1.321(b)
- () Notice of Appeal
- () Brief
- () Amendment After Allowance 37 CFR 1.312
- () Request for Corrected Filing Receipt
- () Certificate Under 37 CFR 3.73(b)
- () Petition to Correct Inventorship
 - Under 37 CFR 1.48
- () Request for Corrected Filing Receipt

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

				Highest No.				•		
	Claims Remaining After Amendment			Previously		Preser	Present		Add'l	
				Paid for	Extra	Rate	Fee			
Total Claims:	13		minus	:	20		:x \$18		0.00	
Ind. Claims:	1		minus	:	3 ,	:	:x \$84	:	0.00	
Fee for Petition of Extension of time (1 month see below)					:	\$:	0.00		
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(X) No additional fee is required.

- () Charge ____ to Deposit Account No. 01-2230. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- (X) Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2230.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on May 9, 2002.

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